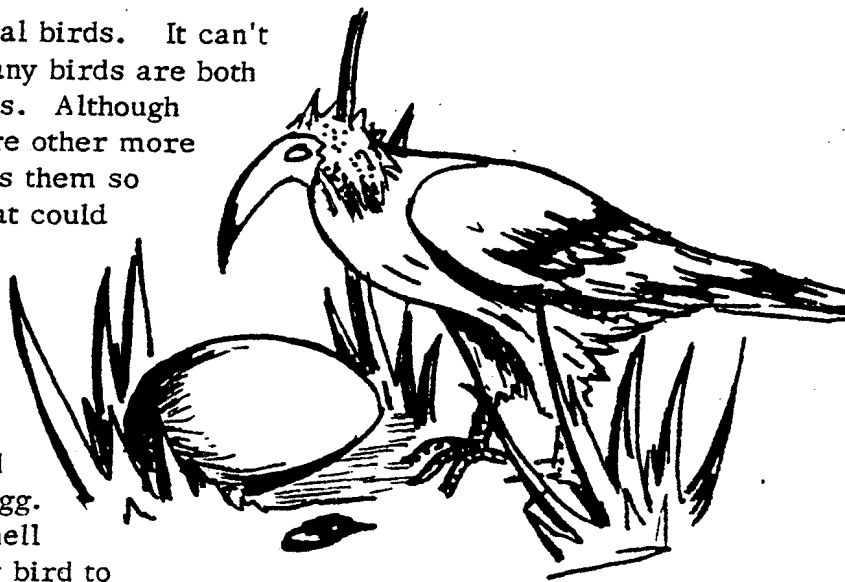


COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

Egyptian vultures are very unusual birds. It can't be size that makes them unusual. Many birds are both larger and smaller than these vultures. Although the vultures aren't beautiful, there are other more repulsive birds. The thing that makes them so unusual is that they throw rocks! What could be more unusual than that?

Egyptian vultures love ostrich eggs, which happen to be very large and have tough shells. In order to crack an egg, a vulture picks up a stone in his beak and with careful aim and a downward thrust of his head and neck, he throws the stone at the egg. The procedure is repeated until the shell of the egg cracks, enabling the hungry bird to get at the delicious yoke. As far as it is known, no other bird is able to break an ostrich egg in such a manner. Unusual, isn't it!

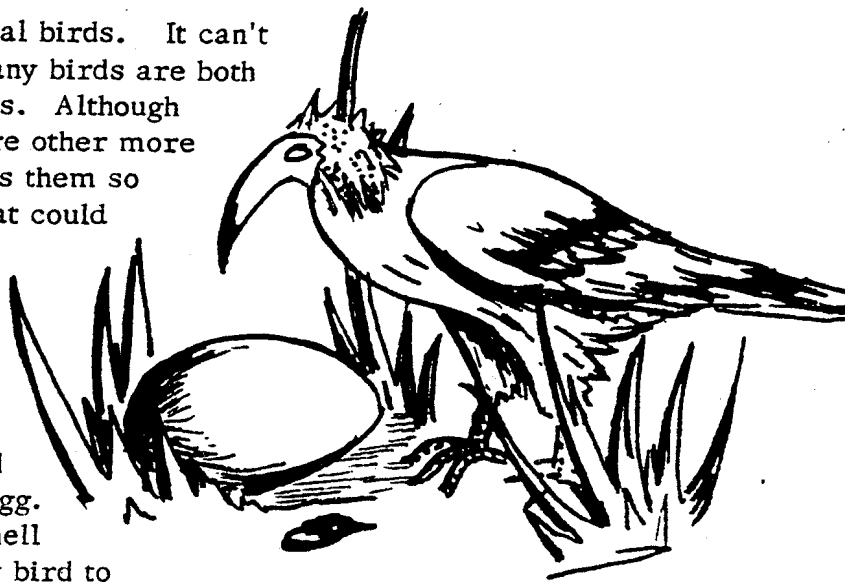


1. This selection is about:
 - (a) an unusual bird
 - (b) vultures all over the world
 - (c) how ostriches are born
 - (d) the way Egyptian vultures fly
2. Two traits that vultures share with other birds are:
 - (a) aim and strength
 - (b) size and beauty
 - (c) persistence and aim
 - (d) appetite and strength
3. An odd activity in which other birds do not participate is:
 - (a) throwing rocks
 - (b) standing on one foot
 - (c) pecking egg shells
 - (d) eating eggs
4. The vulture's weapon for cracking eggs is a :
 - (a) branch
 - (b) foot
 - (c) beak
 - (d) rock
5. As a result of being able to crack ostrich eggs, the vulture is:
 - (a) well fed
 - (b) vulnerable
 - (c) friendlier
 - (d) irritable
6. Repulsive means:
 - (a) beautiful
 - (b) skinny
 - (c) tall
 - (d) unpleasant
7. From the vulture's persistence you can see that:
 - (a) they are starving birds
 - (b) they love to throw rocks
 - (c) ostrich eggs are difficult to crack
 - (d) there is no other way to crack an egg
8. In this story one can see that vultures have a:
 - (a) weak beak
 - (b) good aim
 - (c) strong wings
 - (d) long legs

COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

Egyptian vultures are very unusual birds. It can't be size that makes them unusual. Many birds are both larger and smaller than these vultures. Although the vultures aren't beautiful, there are other more repulsive birds. The thing that makes them so unusual is that they throw rocks! What could be more unusual than that?

Egyptian vultures love ostrich eggs, which happen to be very large and have tough shells. In order to crack an egg, a vulture picks up a stone in his beak and with careful aim and a downward thrust of his head and neck, he throws the stone at the egg. The procedure is repeated until the shell of the egg cracks, enabling the hungry bird to get at the delicious yoke. As far as it is known, no other bird is able to break an ostrich egg in such a manner. Unusual, isn't it!



1. This selection is about:
 - (a) an unusual bird
 - (b) vultures all over the world
 - (c) how ostriches are born
 - (d) the way Egyptian vultures fly
2. Two traits that vultures share with other birds are:
 - (a) aim and strength
 - (b) size and beauty
 - (c) persistence and aim
 - (d) appetite and strength
3. An odd activity in which other birds do not participate is:
 - (a) throwing rocks
 - (b) standing on one foot
 - (c) pecking egg shells
 - (d) eating eggs
4. The vulture's weapon for cracking eggs is a :
 - (a) branch
 - (b) foot
 - (c) beak
 - (d) rock
5. As a result of being able to crack ostrich eggs, the vulture is:
 - (a) well fed
 - (b) vulnerable
 - (c) friendlier
 - (d) irritable
6. Repulsive means:
 - (a) beautiful
 - (b) skinny
 - (c) tall
 - (d) unpleasant
7. From the vulture's persistence you can see that:
 - (a) they are starving birds
 - (b) they love to throw rocks
 - (c) ostrich eggs are difficult to crack
 - (d) there is no other way to crack an egg
8. In this story one can see that vultures have a:
 - (a) weak beak
 - (b) good aim
 - (c) strong wings
 - (d) long legs